

BLACKHAWK CO., IOWA. LETTER NO. 2.

WATERLOO, IOWA, March 7th, 1894

The church at Hudson is doing a good work. Bro. E. L. Hildebrand preaches for them every two weeks, and he reports the attendance as good at every service.

Their Sunday school is an interesting one to attend. They all seem to be trying to see how well each one can do his part. Strangers are made to feel right at home.

To make a Sunday school a success every one must be interested in the work, study the lesson well so the teacher will not have to do all the talking, and be sure to make strangers welcome. If a stranger attends Sunday school where everyone seems to be interested and doing their part as best they know how, and is welcomed in a way that makes him feel at home, he is more apt to be in attendance again.

The young peoples' Christian Endeavor Society at Hudson is well attended. The young people all seem to be interested in the work they are trying to do. The attendance at Enon last Sunday was quite small, owing to bad weather and very poor roads.

We are sorry to state that it will be impossible to get the Episcopal church for us to hold our services in in the city. We had hoped so much that before our next communication we might be holding services in a more suitable building. We think we can do a good work in Waterloo when we once have a building of our own to worship in.

How much "home" means to every body. Ask some one who has been a wanderer most of his life what he would like most, and in most every instance he would say, a home to go to. A good home is a strong cord that brings many a wanderer from the verge of ruin back to respectability and honor, and keeps many from wandering away at all. So it is in church work. If we had a church home of our own in Waterloo it might be the means of bringing back many who have wandered to the verge of ruin, and keep others from ever straying away from Christ at all.

LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

BROTHER ENSLOW PREACHES THE WORD, AND MAKES FRIENDS.

NICKERSON, KAN., Mar. 5th, 1894.

Brother H. S. Enslow came to us Feb. 15th, and began a series of meetings which continued until Mar. 1st. The meetings were very interesting, and although we have no additions to report, we feel much encouraged and are sure that Brother Enslow left some deep impressions, and made many warm friends while here. Hope he may come back again in the near future.

We have a live and wide awake Sunday school with seven classes. The average attendance is about fifty. We pray God to be with us in all our efforts for good, and may

many souls be rescued from sin and its dangers.

Your sister in Christ,
IDA LEHMAN.**BRO. TALLEY'S VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILL., Mar. 10, 1894.

ELD. S. J. HARRISON, DEAR BRO:—The results of our Gospel meetings this winter have been most glorious and encouraging.

Thirty-nine accessions by baptism, two by relation, three reclaimed, and three yet to be baptized, total 47, making in all a total of 49 accessions since Oct. 1st, 1893, and I think several others are near the Kingdom. We closed our meeting with scarcely standing room, the largest audience I have ever had in Milledgeville. Peace and harmony prevails. Pray for us that none may be lost from the fold.

Our King's Children now number, I think about 75, exclusive of the junior class which numbers about 50 or 55 total of about 125.

The membership of our church here now is about two hundred and thirty.

Our King's Children Societies have been and are now a strong pillar in our church edifice, and work. If all our ministers knew the power of a well organized King's Children Society, every church in the Brotherhood would organize the young people and children at once. *They are the future church, our hope and our strength.* God alone knows how much I appreciate their work, and how thankful I am for their support and sympathy in my ministry.

Brother preachers! you may be ever so able, as a preacher, but our young people and our children can work where you cannot. They can wield an influence for good, in fields that you will overlook. Try them

J. Q. TALLY.

HOLSINGER CORRESPONDENCE

I don't know where to begin: I have so much to say. Uppermost in my mind are thoughts of the dear ones of whose death I have learned or been reminded since my last. The first of them is Brother R. Z. Replogle's daughter, of Johnstown, Pa. The notice gave her name as the wife of somebody, but I knew her as a kind and gentle young sister, and an obedient daughter in her father's interesting family. Now she is numbered with

OUR BURIED FRIENDS.

Brother John M. Yoder, of the Listie church, Pa., is another. Brother J. H. Knepper reminds me of what I said at the dedication of the church at Listie, as to the tolling of the bell; I wondered for whom it would be first tolled, and asked the congregation to mark how they would be disappointed if they should venture a conjecture. No one would have selected Brother John as he stood up that night with the rest of

the trustees to assume the responsibilities of his office. He was a good man in every sense in which I knew him.

I also want to pay my respects to my old friend and Bro. Jonas Lichty, of Waterloo, Ia., a minister in the German Baptist church. As far as I know we always loved each other. He was kind Christian gentleman, and we had many pleasant associations, and I will be pleased to meet him in heaven whence I feel assured he has gone, and for which I am earnestly striving.

I was made to feel very sad over the announcement of the death of Sister Ellen Croner, also of Somerset county, Pa. She was a dear good sister, and leaves a large family, who needed her care and instruction. Brother and Sister Kimmel, her parents, and her bereaved husband and the surviving children, have my profound sympathy. The Lord comfort them.

SUGGESTIONS.

My "Appeal," sometime ago has called forth many suggestions, and a little money, and I feel assured will result in "paying me off." One good brother proposes that I should canvass the Brotherhood and solicit until I had my pay, and thus practically "kill two birds with one stone": visit the churches and get my dues. No doubt he means it well, but to me it would appear like earning my money twice, and in a very toilsome manner at that. I would enjoy visiting the churches, but would prefer not to go begging this time. I did visit about all the churches once in that capacity, and from some of them I have not had an invitation since. Another suggests that I resume control of the office until I have been paid. This too is impracticable. I think the propositions made through the EVANGELIST will bring about the end sought for. Sister Laura Slotter, of Columbiana, O., and Sister Mary Meyers of Milledgeville, Ill., and Dr. T. J. Nair, of Los Angeles, Cal., have each sent me ten dollars, and Sister Anna Grubb, of Jennings, La., five dollars. I am glad the brethren and sisters are "speaking right out in meetin'" on this and other irregularities among us.

I was getting much discouraged with the affairs of the church as things were moving of late. It looked to me as if our much cherished "Free rostrum," were about to be turned into a full fledged conservative organ. I love the church, but I wouldn't sacrifice right or principle, for the good of any church or any man. There is one thing among us which must be removed or we will disintegrate: and that is selfishness or insubordination. We go together in state and national conferences and resolve and promise to do, and then go home and obstinately refuse to do or even afford an opportunity to those who would be willing to obey the decisions we helped to make. That is the great drawback to the success of the en-

terprises we have inaugurated. If every pastor in every church had laid the matter before his members and made a reasonable effort to collect funds for the Publishing House, and those who promise to pay had kept their word, the entire indebtedness would have been wiped out and several hundred dollars placed to the credit of the office. The same may be said of the various missionary and educational enterprises among us which go languishing for want of support. It is high time we purge out this leaven of insubordination from among us, by each getting it out of his own heart. I made a previous effort to probe this matter but a sympathizing hand thwarted the stroke of the scalpel. I still cling to my favorite motto: "My church right or wrong: when right to be kept right, and when wrong to be made right." I repeat it: Insubordination is the growing and threatening evil of the Brethren church. Most of the work accomplished among us is performed by about one-third of the membership, while the rest go free. If all would work and give, the present working force would need give only half as much to aggregate one-third more. See? I am in favor of making few rules, and those reasonable, and then demand submission thereunto from all who are and desire to be in communion relations with us. Upon this principle I am willing to give and take. If we be brethren we must belong to one family, and should be willing to submit to family rules of our own making based upon the will of the Father.

We still hold the fort here, or rather the fort holds us. Brother Eshelman does not meet with us any more, and he acknowledged to Sister Showalter that he had made application to the German Baptist church to be taken back. I have not heard whether they have received him or not, but one of their ministers in speaking of the matter said: "There are lots of Progressives we would rather see coming than M. M. E." Wonder whether it is from such "purely personal" considerations that he wants to go to them. I am not astonished at his movements; in fact I have never quite recovered of my astonishment at his ever coming to us. He never was persecuted in the G. B. church for his progressiveness. His troubles were of another character. Personally I wish him well, and will love him more if he will become a faithful member of that church, and gain a good reputation among them than if he were to come to us again.

And now I don't know where to quit, unless it be right here. Hope to write again soon.

Fraternally,

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Rosena, Cal., Mar. 3.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.